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**Slandering Arizona.**

Nothing has transpired for months that has so exercised the people of Arizona generally as the interview given out by Senator Bard, of California, anent the statehood question. If he has been correctly quoted, he has either misrepresented Arizona wilfully or has made an unusual display of ignorance for one so generally credited with ordinary intelligence, and at least a superficial knowledge of the country bordering on his own state and paying it millions of dollars of revenue annually. Columns might truthfully be written in denial of his erroneous statements. But one of them at least demands the attention of the mining press generally. His announcement that the mines of the territory are at their greatest point of production, will shortly be worked out, and the industry lapse, is nothing short of idiotic. There is scarcely a mine in the territory today that has ever been a producer that is not now producing or would be were it not tied up in litigation of its development handicapped by lack of capital in the hands of present owners. On the contrary, where there is one producing mine, there are, to be conservative, at least 100 others on ledges of equally as great promise, with from 100 feet to 1,000 feet of development work, and only waiting for money for their further development. There are thousands of prospects that might also prove as good as any mine, if thoroughly exploited. Arizona is almost virgin soil, notwithstanding her present very excellent production. It was originally called a silver territory, and only silver was sought for and worked in a large way. When the price of silver dropped, attention was turned to gold prospects, and large gold mines were developed. Copper ledges by the hundred were discarded, because of the low price and poor demand. When copper rose in the market and demand for it increased, copper claims were filed on by the hundred, and some of the largest copper mines in the country are now found in Arizona, with the expenditure of as much money in the mineral development of Arizona as has been spent in other western states. Arizona will produce more mineral wealth than any section in the world of the same area is now producing. And this covers only the mining feature of Senator Bard's statement. Bard is an ass.—Western Mining World.

The growth of the mining section of Graham county is something phenomenal. Morenci now claims a population of more than seven thousand, and as the board of supervisors have issued a certificate of election to the second justice of the peace of that precinct, it is an official recognition of a population of more than five thousand. Clifton, which cast a much larger vote than Morenci, on the same basis of figuring, doubtless has a population of between six and seven thousand. Metcalfe's population is between two thousand and two thousand five hundred. The population of Duncan and surrounding country from twelve to fifteen hundred, while the Blue, Guthrie and some other sections will add another thousand. This would make the population of the east end of the county at least fifteen thousand. Two years ago when the census was taken, this end of the county had a population of about eight thousand. This gives us an increase of almost fifty per

cent in two years, a growth unequaled by any other section of the territory. These figures of course may not be correct, yet it is a fact that the vote showed an increase of more than fifty per cent. in Clifton, and about four hundred per cent. in Metcalfe.—Copper Era.

It is remarkable that while silver is at the lowest ebb in its history the Guggenheims and other mining speculators are buying up silver mines. It may be possible that they are on the inside of a movement for the recognition of silver as a money metal, but it does not seem possible that there is any immediate prospect of an international agreement on the subject, although the depreciation of the white metal is having great influence on the subject in the countries that have heretofore stood out against an agreement for the recognition of free coinage of silver. France and England have millions tied up in silver coinage, which they can at this time ill afford to lose. This may bring from them a proposal to open the mints to the free coinage of silver, which act would if agreed to by the countries of the world, bring silver to the present coinage value. There is no fear of an overabundance of coined money in the world, but the fear that there will be a dearth of it may bring on a panic at any time. Today the market value of the silver certificates and coined silver in the United States does not exceed 175,000,000\$, while it would take 600,000,000\$ in gold to redeem it. We have no such supply of gold and the redemption of this mass of money would greatly embarrass the government.

One of the greatest undertakings of this century has been completed. It is the great dam of Assouan, on the river Nile. The dam is sixty feet wide at the top and a mile and a quarter in length. The height above low water is 347 6 and above the level of the Mediterranean 526.49 feet. Originally the dam was designed to be higher, but an increased height would have flooded the island of Philae upon which are situated the Egyptian temples of that name. 25,000 men were employed in the work, half of whom operated night and half day. The cost of the structure was 25,000,000\$. While this undertaking was immense and the possibilities great a dam in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river would bring under cultivation more and richer lands than those in the Nile Valley and give homes to millions of people.

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The statehood bill has been before the senate for the past ten days and the opponents of the measure have been making a wordy war on it. The bill has gone over until after the holidays, when further attacks will be made by the eastern senatorial contingent. Senator Quay is leading the forces in favor of the bill and he believes that he will win out. The opposition of the president to the admission of New Mexico has created some surprise among the advocates of the omnibus bill and it is feared that this opposition will do more than any-

thing else to defeat the measure, if defeat is possible.

The inability of China to obtain gold with which to pay war indemnity forces her to make a tender of silver to the creditor nations and the matter is now under consideration. The great depreciation of silver makes China the poorest nation, financially, on earth and it is predicted that great suffering will result before another year rolls around.

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**Notice of Forfeiture.**

To H. WINTERHALTER, his assigns and legal representatives: You are hereby notified that the undersigned, who are co-owners with you in the Virgin mining claim, have expended the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars in labor and improvements on it for the year 1902 in compliance with the United States mining laws requiring annual expenditures to be made on mining claims. The said Virgin mining claim is situated in the San Francisco mining district, Mohave County, Territory of Arizona, and is duly recorded in the office of the county recorder of Mohave county, Arizona, in book N, page 49, mining records; and you are further notified that if, at the expiration of ninety days from the last publication of this notice, you fail or refuse to pay your proportion of said expenditure, together with the cost of publication of this notice, your interest in the said Virgin mining claim will be forfeited and become the property of the undersigned in accordance with law. A. A. SPEAR, CHARLES GOODCHILD. KINGMAN, Arizona, November 26, 1902. First insertion November 29, 1902.

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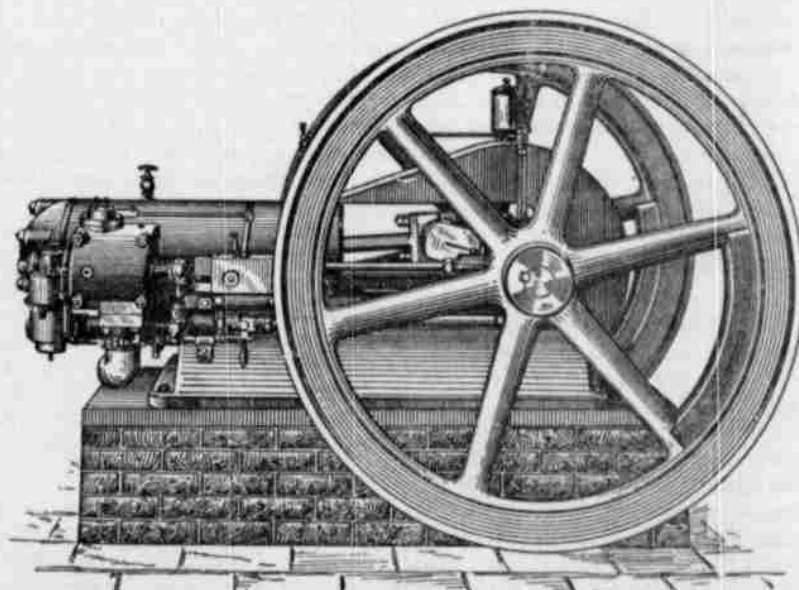
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